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C O N F I D E N T I A L PRAGUE 1169

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRN, PFOR, WB, CZ, US

SUBJECT: MAT CHARTER FLIGHTS BERLIN-PRAGUE

REF: (A)STATE 110246; (B) PRAGUE 1060

1. DURING CEREMONY FOR EXTENSION OF CIVIL AIR AGREEMENT, ZANTOVSKY TOLD CHARGE THAT, DURING WASHINGTON RECEPTION FOR CSA DIRECTOR ELIAS, ARMITAGE AND HOUSTON HAD AGAIN RAISED ISSUE OF DENIAL OF MODERN AIR CHARTER.

2. ZANTOVSKY AGAIN EXPRESSED CHAGRIN AT INDICATION THAT US OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT CZECHS ARE NOT PROVIDING PROPER COMMERCIAL CONDITIONS TO US CHARTERERS. HE SAID THAT HE HAD REVIEWED RECORD AND FOUND THAT, SINCE 1972, US CARRIERS HAD APPLIED FOR TEN CHARTERS. OF THESE, NINE HAD BEEN APPROVED, WITH BERLIN CHARTER AS ONLY EXCEPTION. HE REITERATED THAT DENIAL WAS POLITICAL MATTER BEYOND CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S DISCRETION, AND RELATED TO QUADRIPARTITE ISSUES IN WHICH CZECHS PLAY NO ROLE. IN RESPONSE TO CHALLENGE ON CORRECTNESS OF DENIAL OF BERLIN CHARTER, ZANTOVSKY DID NOT SEEK TO DEFEND DENIAL EXCEPT ON GROUNDS THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS ONLY ACTING IN ACCORD WITH POLICY NOT OF ITS OWN MAKING.

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3. BEFORE DEPARTMENT PROCEEDS WITH ANY RETALIATION FOR

MAT DENIAL, SUGGEST THAT WE AGAIN DISCUSS WITH THEM  
QUESTION OF BERLIN-ORIGINATED CHARTERS WHICH IS, IN FACT,  
THE ISSUE. TO DO SO, HOWEVER (REFTEL B) WE WOULD REQUIRE  
BACKGROUND, INCLUDING QUADRIpartite HANDLING OF ISSUE AND  
WHAT WE KNOW OF SOVIET AND OTHER EE POSITIONS.  
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